

At a Session of Sewars holden at Cambridge, the xiiij. and xiiiij. dayes

of October, Ann. Dom. 1619. before the Reuerend Father in God, NICHOLAS, Lord Bishop of Ely, Sr. Edward Peyton, Knight and Barronet, Sr. Edward Radcliffe, Sr. John Cuss, Sr. Simeon Steward, Sr. Richard Coxe, Sr. William Wendie, Knights; John Gofflin Doctor of Physicke, Vicechancellour of the Vniuersitie of Cambridge, Richard Foxton, Maior of the Towne of Cambridge, John Richardson, John Cropley, Henrie Smith, Doctors of Divinitie, M. Daniel Wigmore, Archdeacon of Ely, M. Jerome Beale, Batchelour of Divinitie, and Master of Pembroke Hall in the Vniuersitie of Cambridge, Robert Steward, Francis Brackin, Isaac Barrows, Daniel Goodricke, Edward Fincham, Peter Franckland, Humphrie Gardiner, Esquiers; John Pepis, John Orwell, Thomas Goodricke, Edward Smith, Gentlemen, Commissioners of Sewars amongst others assigned: It is ordered

as followeth: viz.

WH E R E A S The said Commissioners of Sewars, by their Act, Order, and Decree of Sewars made at their last Session, holden at Ely the xxij. and xxiiij. dayes of September 1619. in obseruation of his Majesties pleasure, and for expedition of the Vndertakers in their generall Contracts with the Owners, and parties interessed in the Fennes, and drowned Lands did prouide and ordaine, that the former order of Sewars (declaring the effect of his Majesties Letters, and of the Letters of the right Honourable the Lords of his Majesties most Hon. Priuie Councell, and the dutifull obedience of the said Court of Commission of Sewars thereunto, as also the carefull prouisions which in the said Order are made and set downe for the better satisfaction, and content of all people whom it may concerne) should be published in all parish Churches, and in all Courts Leetes, and Courts Baron, before the fift day of this present October, To the ende that all Owners, commoners, and other persons interessed in any drowned grounds within the Countie and Isle aforesaid, hauing notice thereof, might apply themselves with speede to repaire to the said Vndertakers, or their Assigines, for making and concluding their contracts; That in default thereof, this Court of Sewars now assembled, might take further order for the said Vndertakers their speeidle proceeding in their works according to his Majesties pleasure, and accordingly the said generall notice hath been giuen by the Vniuersall publication of the said order made in forme aforesaid: Whereby no person, or persons, Lords, Owners, Commoners, or parties interessed in the said Fenne, or drowned grounds, may justly plead excuse of ignorance of his Majesties roiall pleasure, and the straight command thereof, and of the iust proceedings of this Court: And that the said Vndertakers hauing here made their appearance, and personally attended the making and concluding of contracts with the Lords, owners, commoners, and parties interessed in any the said Fenne-lands, who of their owne accord and discretions would to apply themselves to contract without delay; And this Court likewise (in a iudicall and legall forme of proceeding) haue now summoned and called the said Lords, owners, commoners, and parties interessed by the name of the Townes, Villages, Mannors, or Lordships, whereof they are to give their immediate and direct answer, whether or not they would contract, and agree to set out certaine parts and portions of Land severall and Common, in all and every the said Townes, Villages, Mannors, or Lordships, to be allotted and allowed by way of Contract (according to the statute in that cause prouided) vnto the said Vndertakers, and their heires, and assigines for, and in recompence of their said worthy worke of draining the said Fennes; And now at this Court, some of the said Commoners, and parties interessed in Commons, and waft grounds, appearing before them, haue giuen their answer, that they are willing to contract, and are readie to doe; and others haue excused themselves by reason of the absence of the Lords of the Mannors, who are Lords of the soile wherein they haue interest in common.

THIS Court beeing therefore resolued to confirme the willingnesse of such the said Lords, Owners, Commoners, and parties interessed, as haue declared themselves ready to contract: And to reforme the defaufts of such, as after so publique notice giuen (as aforesaid) doe absent themselves through ignorance, or negligence (in further performance of their most awefull obedience to his most excellent Majestie, and dutifull respect to the Right Honourable the Lords of his Majesties Priuie Councell their directions, and Commands, by which they are straightly charged and commanded, to expedite the Contracts with the said Vndertakers to their vtermost power, and authoritie, and extent of their Commission,) do order, enaunt, and decree;

THAT for and towards the said worthy worke of draining the said hurtfully drowned grounds (by cleansing the Out-falls of Neane and Welland) all, and every Lord, Owner, Commoner, and party interessed in any hurtfully drowned grounds, shall pay to the said Vndertakers the summe of twenty shillings per Acre, vpon, and for every Acre of such hurtfully drowned grounds, as shall receive any benefit by the said draining on this fide, and before the fift day of December next; or in default of such payment, this Court will order and decree, such portion and portions out of the said drowned lands, respectively to the Vndertakers, and their heires, as shall be agreeable to the benefit which the said lands shall receive by their draining; And as it shall seeme meete to the nowe Commissioners of Sewars, inhabiting in the Countie of Cambridge, and Isle of Ely, or greater part of them (with the assent of the Vndertakers) in a Session of Sewars to be holden within the Towne of Cambridge, or Cittie of Ely, the same portion or portions of Land respectively to be set out before the worke begin; but the Vndertakers not to haue any interest therein, or occupation thereof, before the grounds be drained, and then the Vndertakers to secure them so drained, according to the true intent of the Order made at Ely, the xxij. and xxiiij. of September, 1619. which said Order the Vndertakers promised in Court they would obserue, according to the true intent thereof.

IT IS ALSO ordered and agreed vnto, that Copies of this order shall be deliuere to the Sheriff of the Countie of Cambridge, or his Deputie, and the Bayliffe of the Lord Bishop of Ely, to be deliuere vnto the Bayliffes of the severall hundreds, within the Countie and Isle aforesaid; And they are hereby commanded with all speede to deliuere the same vnto the Ministers of the severall Parishes, Hamlets, and Villages, within their hundreds, to publish within their Churches, or Chappels, the next Sabbath day after the receipt thereof; To the ende that all Owners, Commoners, and other persons interessed in any drowned grounds, within the Countie and Isle aforesaid, may take notice thereof, and repaire to the Vndertakers, or their Assigines, at the Bell in Ely, for lands lying in the Isle of Ely, the xxvj. and xxvij. dayes of this instant October, And at the Faucon in Cambridge, the xxvij. and xxix. dayes of the same moneth for lands lying in the Countie of Cambridge, for making and concluding their Contracts according to their former offer, and the Order made at Ely, the xxij. and xxiiij. of September last past: And that the Bayliffes of the said severall hundreds, shall truely certifie the said Commissioners of the due deliuerie of the said Copies of this Order, at their next Sessions of Sewars, which is to be holden at the Gwyldball in the Towne of Cambridge, at eight of the clocke in the forenoone, the ix. day of December next.

Copia concordat cum originali.